



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
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MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the ongoing conditions related to the COVID 19 outbreak, the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting. Detailed instructions for participating in the meeting via Zoom Meeting are posted at the bottom of this agenda, or can be obtained by emailing Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent, at lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All documents and permit applications can be provided electronically. Please send request to lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All persons interested in this matter, or who desire to offer testimony, are invited to participate.

Members via Zoom:

Chairman Greg Dumas, David Orwig, David Beauregard, Norman Beauregard, and Donna Lehtinen. Also on Zoom was Conservation Agent Lyndsy Butler, and Administrative Clerk Kris Singer

Members Absent:

Duncan Burn, Michael Hermanson

Guests & Visitors:

Wesley Flis – Whitman & Bingham Associates, Shawn Hayden - GAMA

MEETING – brought to Order by Chairman G. Dumas at 6:30 pm

Minutes

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 25, 2021

- Motion to approve Minutes made by N. Beauregard, seconded by D. Beauregard, and voted all in favor

Notice of Intent

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance on a Notice of Intent filed by Whitman & Bingham Associates, on behalf of Gaamha, Inc. of Gardner, for the construction of an addition located at 827 Green Street (R42-21-1). Projected is located within the buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

- Wesley Flis of Whitman & Bingham Associates explained that an addition is being built to an existing single-family home on the property. This addition will fall within the 100 foot buffer. It's minor work being completed. Also, a septic system and well are being replaced, but they are both outside of the 100 foot buffer zone.
- N. Beauregard inquired about the septic system on site now. Shawn Hayden of GAMA answered that the existing septic system is not adequate due to the addition of bedrooms to the main home. The single-family home is going from a 4 to an 8-bedroom home.
- D. Orwig asked what is the existing location of the septic system? W. Flis guessed by looking at the map that it's in the back. He added that they are working with the Board of Health to move the tank and they are already working with both the Board of Health and the Building Department on this project.
- G. Dumas asked when work is scheduled to begin, and W. Flis answered, "ASAP."
- L. Butler confirmed that they are only awaiting the Order Of Conditions – all other necessary City departments have signed off on the project.
- G. Dumas asked about a plan for the drainage. W. Flis noted that their proposal will have the drainage spill to the existing grass prior to reaching the wetlands.
- G. Dumas also inquired about the waddles near the back porch as shown on the map. Neither W. Flis nor S. Hayden were sure what the concrete pads were used for, potentially there were small sheds on them in the past?
- A Motion to issue a Standard Order Of Conditions was made by N. Beauregard, seconded by D. Orwig, and voted all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

2021-01 Bridge St. West St.

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection Ordinance (City Code Ch. 650) on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Millers River Watershed Council & Alan Rousseau. The request is to determine whether portions of lots H32-164 and C32-19-2 are subject to the City of Gardner Wetland Protection Ordinance.

Item has been continued to March 8

New Business

- Open Spaces Classes
 - G. Dumas advised that these classes will be held on the Thursdays of March for anyone interested. L. Butler offered to sign up anyone who would like to attend.

- MACC
 - L. Butler advised that this annual get-together will be conducted virtually this year.

- Trail Grant
 - L. Butler confirmed that this grant was submitted.

- 99 Restaurant Site
 - L. Butler confirmed that the current Maintenance Plan includes maintenance to the gutters.

- New School – Pearl St.
 - L. Butler advised that they have finished erosion control on the back side. She sees no issues and there has been no concerns raised by the public.

Upcoming Meetings

February 22

March 8

March 22

Motion to Adjourn

6:46 pm A motion to adjourn was made by N. Beauregard. The motion was seconded by D. Orwig, and voted unanimously, all in favor.

NOTICE: These Agenda items consist of items that are reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting and are specifically allowed to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Agent of the Conservation Commission

Lyndsy Butler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Conservation Commission

Time: Feb 8, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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